Willer & Rhoads

A Wonderful Business in Ready-to-Wear Garments

Big Reduction on Hundreds of Garments

We've been doing a wonderful February business this week in Suits, Coats, Waists, Skirts and Sweaters.

Values such as the city has never seen before have been offered to choold women, and the responses have been most gratifying. We'll continue this sale until the passing season's stock is entirely cleared and room made for the new spring styles that are beginning to come in.

Skirts, \$1.98, \$3.98. Former prices, \$3.98 to \$16. Suits, \$4.48, \$9.98, \$17.98. Former prices, \$10 to \$39.50.

Long Coats, \$4.98, \$7.50, \$9.98. Former prices, \$7.50 to \$20. Silk Petticoats, \$3.75 to \$12.98. Former prices, \$5 to \$25. Waists, 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.98. Former prices, \$2 to \$7.50. Sweaters, 50c. Former prices, \$1 to \$1.98. Children's Fur Sets, \$2.38 to \$6.50. Former prices, \$3.98

Women's Furs, \$3.98 to \$29.75. Former prices, \$5.98 to \$45.

GAINES BAILED.

Boy Pleads Self Defense; Will Be

Further Heard To-day.

at Munford that struck the latter on th

Gaines was bailed yesterday afternoo by Judge Witt in the sum of \$1,000.

RECOGNITION SERVICE.

New Pastor Venable Street Bap-

tist Church to Be Welomed.

Pastor's Response. Hymn-"Blest be the Tie."

medal to the child of the sixth gram

grade of the city public schools who shall write the best essay on the "Old

A committee of teachers will select the best essays and will turn these over to a committee of the Richmond Education Association for final decision.

Miss Fairchild became interested in the recent discussion concerning the old towed, and decided to show her interest in Richmond and its people in this manner.

Active Arcanum Council.

Dr. T. C. Johnson Operated On.

ELEMENT

of success is health. Drink

seemed entirely favorable.

A VITAL

'seventeen-year-old negro.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE CUTS MELON

Will Increase Capital Stock Ten Millions, Which Will Be Used for Improvements.

MORGAN BUYS L. & N. BONDS

President Roosevelt Confers With a Number of Senators About Rate Bill.

passenger agents of the Pennsyl Railroad, were in Richmond yes

e Railroad Company, at a meet on yesterday in New York aded an additional issue of \$10.

The buyer of 100 shares of Atlantic Coast Line at the market price, 164, gets with his rights H0 shares costing \$17.400, or, say, 158.172 per cent. The cash value of his rights are therefore 5.828 per cent.

President Roosevelt had a number o now nearer an agreement than they have been at any time, and it is believed that all danger of a serious hitch between the executive and legislative branches of the

The Chesapeake and Ohio Passenger Department is in receipt of advices from the General Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway to the effect that home-seekers' rates from their stations to Virginia have never been withdrawn nor do they expect to direction the sale of such tickets. Advices have also been received from the Wisconsin Central Railway to the effect that they have decided to restore the sale of home seekers' tickets to Virginia points, which affords reduced to the from a large territory in the Northwest for prospectors of Virginia farm lands to visit Virginia.

FOLLOWED SLEUTHS.

Young Man Thought He Was Sherlock Holmes.

Sherlock Holmes.

Cyrus, Blair, a young red-headed white man, suight have thought that he was in the employ of Nick Carter or Diamond Dick or Old King Brady or any of the sther great sleuths when he traced Officer Thurma name Crengel around Fairraday, but to his everlasting indoing se Jeund his mistake before the thrilling Stanter of the book could be ended. The finish came yesterday morning in Police Court and the other finish will rome skiry days hence, when the bow with the suburn locks comes from the rily tail.

rity fell.

He was an unshakable sleuth Line a bloodbound he followed the two blue-coats; about and they couldn't lose him.

That's the reason he was nabled and

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Fireman Walter Smith Had Two Reasons for Return-

Y. M. C. A. Services in Leader Hall To-morrow-Personals and Briefs.

Mr. Smith brought back to the city with him several lumps of virgin suisunday and gambling-houses going every day in the week. Coupling the two facts—open saloons and gambling-houses and virgin suiphur taken out of the ground—the fireman from Manchester said that he didn't think he wanted to respond to any alarm to fight the blaze from the infernal regions, and therefore he wanted to be nearer the good place of Manchester.

Clarence Picket, who left Manchester some time ago, is now in Denver, and is with his father who first discovered the virgin sulphur mine.

No Local Players.

Thus far not a man from Manchester or Petersburg has been signed to play on the Richmond base-ball nine in the Virginia State League for next year, and this fact is being discussed by the sporting element of the city and of base-ball lovers of the Cockade City. At the same time, however, it is being argued that no fit material is in Manchester, her has any been seen in Petersburg for the fast company next season. Gaines plead self-defense in Police Court yesterday morning, and the case was con-tinued until to-day to await the verdict of the coroner's jury. Harris, it is alleged, egged Gaines on to throw the rock.

Manchester will contribute very large-ly to the attendance at the different games, and it was thought at first that Howard Holland or Peyton Charters would be members of the Richmond nine, but each has accepted positions away from here. Charters will be seen in the Cotton States League and Holland may play in the Southern League. He is at present coaching a college base-ball team and getting in shape for next season.

I. O. O. F. Entertainment.

Personals and Briefs.

crowd.

Mr. J. W. Watts is indisposed at his arranging for a "pancake"

arranging for a "pancake" tea, to be given in the Sunday school building on the 27th. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the church. Miss Myra Harris, who has been visit-ing in Caroline county, has returned to her home in Cowardin Avenue.

ranks.

Shockoe's meeting this week was one of the most interesting heid for some months, the members joining heartily in discussions realize to advancing the council's interest. The officers of this well known council are preparing to tender their council a pleasant "reception," and in the light of Shockoe's record for doing things handsome, it is safe to predict that the occasion will be most enjoyable.

The Arcanum people say their most enjoyable.

The Arcanum people say their order was never more firmly secure, financially and fraternally, and thousands are being added to the membership every month.

Dr. T. C. Johnson Operated On.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. Thomas. Cary Johnson, professor of church history in Union Theological Seminary, will be glad to know that he has safely railled after the performance of a rather serious operation at Memorial Hospital yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Johnson had been confined to his home for several days under care of his physician, who on Thursday advised the operation, which was shocessfully performed by Drs. Bosher, Johnston and Horseley. Ills condition at 8 o'clock last night seemed entirely favorable.

of the Utdon Theological Seminary, and now paster of Hoge Memorial Presby-terian Church, will address the men's

now paster of Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, will address the men's meeting in the Mais Street Station Sunday afternoon. His topiq will be "Excusses" Men are cordially invited.

Monday night in the secretary's home, 427 North Twenty-seventh Street, Mrs. St. L. Thomas will conduct a cottage prayer meeting, raview the Sunday school lesson and teach the lesson for the following Sunday, this to be followed by a jolly good time with the young folks. Men and women are cordially invited.

Tuesday night, February 29th, at the home of N. W. Thompson, 23 Nicholson Street, Fulton, Lewis Hansen will conduct a prayer meeting. S. L. Thomas will teach the Sunday school lesson, and Mrs. George B. Emerson will have charge of the scelal following.

Thursday night at 815 sharp the home social and cottage prayer meeting groupes will conduct as old folks concert in the Main Street Station Hall of the Rallroad Y. M. C. A. They will also render a play entitled "Parson Poor's Donation Party," to which they cordially lavite the public, An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged, the funds to be used in their work among railroad men and their families.

To Bible Study Brotherhood.

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traveling in the territory between Mains and Texas, will speak at the Bible study protherhood meeting in the Venable Street Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 9:30, Men who are interested in building up a great men's Bible class are cordially invited. Strangers always get a warm reception.

ON PROHIBITION,

Dr. E. L. Eaton Delivers Interesting Address at Smithdeal Hall.

ing Address at Smithdeal Hall.

Last evening, a fair sized audience assembled at the Auditorium to hear Dr. E. L. Eaton, or Pittaburs, discuss the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic. Dr. Eaton's address was unusual in that he came with a "message" to the cold water men of the South.

Accompanied by Charles R. Jones, chairman of the National Prohibition Committee, Dr. Eaton has been touring the Southern States, holding conferences of Prohibitionists, usually winding up with an address by Dr. Eaton. The two arrived in the city yesterday afternion and held a conference of Prohibition leaders of the State in the rooms of Shithdeal's bussiness College.

In his address last night, Dr. Eaton portrayed the history of the temperance reform, declaring that if all the laws respecting fluquor that adorned the statute books were swept away, that Prohibition would be the law of the land under a decision of the Supreme Cour, of the United States that no man had "an inherited right to sell intoxicating fluquor."

Touching upon the political aspects of the question, Dr. Eaton clothed an rather old proposition in a new and somewhat unique light.

This morning, Dr. Eaton and Chairman Jones left for Statuston, accompanied by James W. Bodley, of that place. A rally is to be held there this evening, at-

'THE CHAPERONS'' WAS DULL AND DREARY

A Long-Suffering Audience Did Penance By Sitting Through Two Acts.

opera success, was played at the Acad-emy last night with dire results, before

emy last night with dire results, before a sad-faced audience and a silence that was so thick that it could have been cut with a knife.

Chaperons are, as a rule, a bore, and this particular product was far from being an exception—rather the reverse.

To criticise a one-night fiasco is like locking the stable door after the horse has been filched, or like throwing out the life line after the struggling man in the water has, like Maginty, gone down to the bottom of the sea; but at least it shows a proper intention.

The play was tuneful and had seen

The play was tuneful and had seen better days, but the company that strug-gled through the two acts last night falled signally to please, and barely suc-

be attempt the kicks of the ballet girls range o produce any improvement in the production, for the musical comedy was as the ghost scene in

Academy Sold Out.

Running for Office.

Gans-Rady Company

Henrico Circuit Reconvenes This Morning in Annexation Proceedings.

CITY PEOPLE ARE DELIGHTED

General Rejoicing Among Rich-, monders Over Outcome

Henrico Circuit Court and will enter his vesterday's Times-Dispatch, as an order of the court,

There will be no material change : the order from the opinion. The boundary certainty by Colonel W. E. Cutshaw city engineer of Richmond, and this man county of Henrico three farms in the

showing the exact locations of the three farms.

Until late last night Colonel Cutshaw and his assistants were busy in preparing this map. They will not have it ready before the last minute this morning. And Special Accountant W. S. Crenshaw, who was instructed by the court to prepare a statement of the land values of the annexed territory and also to inspect the records of the county with regard to the indebtedness of Henrico, as well as to inquire into the indebtedness of Fairmount, will not be ready for a report until the court convenes to-day at 10 o'clock. Both the engineering department have been busy since the opinion of the Alexandria Judge was delivered and have had all that they could do to look into the various details.

It was necessary for Colonel Cutshaw to make a survey of the territory in the East End in order to draw the line so that it would exempt from the city the property of Cottman, Delirich, and Feitig, named in the court's opinion. Surveyors were busy yesterday on this, and last night they were working overtime in getting the plans ready for this shorning.

Put Them to Work.

values of the territory annexed, and also

A Day of Great Opportunities

to insure an exceptionally busy day.

Men's Extra Trousers .--- Boys' Suits--- Boys' Over-

coats and Reefers---Hats---Furnishing Goods and

Shoes all go at extraordinary prices to-day in order

\$12.85 For Men's Suits and Overcoats that Sold up to \$22.50

\$3.45 For Boys' Suits and Overcoats that Sold up to \$6.50

\$4.95 For Boys' Suits and Overcoats that Sold up to \$8.50

Men's Suits---Men's Overcoats---

From these histructions it will be seen that Judge Nicol did not continue the proceedings any longer than necessary when he ordered the court adjourned on Thursday at 2 o'clock until this morning at 10 o'clock. Perhaps never before have the two departments of the city been so rushed with any order. And if they complete their work by this morning it would be only because they remained up late last night and begun early this morning where they left off.

Mr. Henry P. Beck, of the engineer's department, is preparing the map, which is to be presented this morning, and Special Accountant Crenshaw is sitting at a desk upon which is piled paper after

It may not come to-day, when the order s entered, but there will be an appeal y Henrico county from the decision of udge Nicol. Commonweaith's Attorney L. O. Wendenburg said yesterday that he would take the matter to the highest court, and would there make a fight against the constitutionality of the law that provides for the extension of city

Ground of Appeal.

Mr. Wendenburg will also say that the expediency and the necessity for annexation has not arisen, and that Richmond should not be allowed to take one-third of Henrico county and thereby decrease

lots in the annexed territory and at one erect comfortable homes.

Mrs. Carpenter Operated On. Mrs. M. E. Carpenter, mother of Mrs. A. J. Chewning, of this city, and of Mr. J. C. Carpenter, of Clifton Forge, Va., was operated on at St. Luke's Hospital yesterday, and is doing very well.

Licensed to Wed.

DISTRESSING MALADY.

Richmond Man Has the Hiccoughs for Three Weeks.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 17.-Mr. Harry
Wakefield, who was employed in the navyyard as a machinist until January 25th,
is suffering with an affection which is
puzzling his physicians in Richmond, his
former home, where he went at the alivice of Dr. R. L. McMurran. Mr. Wakefield is suffering from persistent hiccoughs, which began on January 27th,
He has not-had a moment's rest from it
since that date, except when under the
influence of opiates.

Dr. McMurran attributes his trouble
to an enlargement or leision of the
phrenic nerve, caused by an enlargement

Obsecss. or abscess, Mr. Wakefield about a year ago mar-ried a Miss Roberts, of Hampton.

VIRGINIA PEOPLE HAVE FAITH IN HIM

Chairman Henry C. Stuast, of Fair Committee, Inspires All With Confidence,

From many sections of Virgnia come indications that every one is mightly pleased at the selection of Mr. Henry C. Stuart as chairman of the Fair Association. The country people as well as those of the cities have great confidence in him as a business man and his leader-ship has at once given encouragement and enlisted literest in many quarters. Following is a letter selected from many such testimonials of the cordial support the Virgina people are giving the fair movement.

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* Palmyra, Va., February 12, 1906.

Mr. W. T. Dabney:

Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 2th to hand with local notice of the State Fair enclosed, We shall be glad to do what we can to promote the State Fair's, enterprise. We think this is a most desirable feature, promoting the development of our State and increasing immigration. And we think that a better man could not have been found than Hon. H. C. Stuart to take the lead in this endeavo.

We shall be glad to furnish from time to time information in reference to the fair. Yours truly,

MIDLAND PUBLISHING CO.

California Representatives Would Make the Penalty Death for the Crime.

THE SOUTHERN'S KEW LINE

State Corporation Commission Makes Report on the Earnings of Railways.

Mr. Charles Ryan, general passenge gent of the Seaboard Air Line, was in Richmond last night. Mr. J. B. De Freist, general agent of the Union Pacific Railroad Company,

with headquarters at Philadelphia, was

in Richmond yesterday. Mr. Frank Irish, traveling agent of the called at the Chesapeake and Ohio office

Representative Kahn, of California has introduced in Congress a bill providing for the suppression of train rob-

tainty that it will be inflicted.

The bill introduced by Representative Kahn provides that any person who obstructs or derails or makes an unlawful assault upon any railroad train, railroad cars, or railroad locomotive operating within any State, territory or other place, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States with the intent to commit murder, robbery, or any other felony, or who, with such intent, makes an unlawful assault upon any person lawfully on such train, cars, or locomotive, shall be punished as follows: If the death of any person is effected or thereby cause, such offender shall suffer death; if death is not caused he shall be imprisoned not less than five nor more than twenty

killed, robbed, or injured, as the case may be, or that such act was committed with the design to commit any crime. The following appointments have been made in the engineering department of the Tidewater and the Deepwater Rail-

the Tidewater and the Economics ways:

Division engineers—A. L. Cornell, with office at Norfolk, Va.; P. B. Houston, with headquarters at Keysville, Va.; F. A. Jones at Brookneal, Va.; W. C. Knowlton at Roanoke, Va.; W. P. Stalnaker at Christiansburg, Va.; D. B. Dunn at Eggleston, Va.; D. W. Crane at Oakdale, W. Va.; and A. D. Exall, with office at Matoaka, W. Va.

Matoaka, W. Va.

According to reports compiled from official sources by the American Iron and Steel Association, the production of all kinds of rails in the United States in 1905 amounted to 3,372,257 gross tons, against 2,284,711 tons the preceding year, an increase of 1,087,546 tons, or 47.5 per cent. The maximum production was reached last year, 1903 being the year of next largest production, when 2,922,471 tons were made. The increase last year over two years ago amounted to 379,784 tons, or over 12 per cent. Pennsylvania, led all other States in rail production, it furnishing 1,113,841 tons, almost all being Bessemer rails. Alabama rolled almost all the open hearth rails that were rolled last year, when the total production of the country was 183,344 tons by this process. Last year the total of Bessemer rails produced was 3,188,673 tons, of which 3,135,720 tons was supplied by makers of domestic ingots. In no preceding year had these manufacturers turned out more than 2,909,000 tons.

Meeting at West End Mission. The meetings at the West that Mission are still going ou. There will be three services held in the mission to-morrow, at 11 A. M., at 3:30 and at 8 P. M. These services are attended by those of almost all denominations.

A meeting will be held from 3 P. M. until midnight in the Rescue Mission, No. 1424 East Franklin Street, to-night.

Masonic Home Auxiliary. The regular meeting of the Ladies Masonic Home Auxiliary will be head at the Temple Tuesday, February 20th, at it o'clock, All members are requested to attend.

Miss Bessle Cumbea, who has been ill at her home on East Broad Street, is conconvelerant.

TO BE WELL.

MANCHESTER PLAYERS

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street. Stationman Walter Smith had two easons for leaving Denver, Col. The first reason was that he had improved so much that he thought it would be safe for him to venture again Virginia. And his other reason was, in his own words, "The place is too

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

Stationman Walter Smith, who has een in Colorado for the past three

meetings and socials. The regular meetings are generally followed by a smoker thing are generally followed by a smoker and frequently a banquet, and there is evidence of considerable activity in the tranks.

Shockoe's meeting this mach are some and the only cases he had to deal with were the ones that resulted from the excitement an Valentanias.

home on account of the grig.
The ladies of Sacred Heart Church are

"EXCUSES."

Rev. C. H. Pratt Will Talk to Men at Railroad Y. M. C. A.

Rev. C. H. Pratt, recently a graduate

Rev. W. L. Phillips, one of the most proteinent ministers and Bunday school workers of the Presbyterian Church South, and who spends most of his time

on marked ay, reorgary 22d. This attraction is at the Academy week after records of Henrico county of the next for the entire week. W.L.DOUGLAS

\$3.50 SHOES FOR MEN W.L. Douglas makes and sells more men's \$5.50 shoesthan any other man-ufacturer in the world. \$10,000 REWARD will the peld to any one who ben de-prove this statement. THE SHOW THE SHOW \$3.40 ALL LEATHERS, ALL STYLES, ONE PRICE \$3.50 If I could take you into my three

large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you the Infinite care with which every pair of shoes is made, you would realize why W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes cost more to make, why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater intrin-sic value than any other \$3.50 shoe on the

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A full line in all leathers of \$2.50 shoes for those who do not care to pay \$5.50 for their footwear. Ask to see them.

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